

(3) When at anchor, the lights or shapes prescribed in this paragraph instead of the lights or shape prescribed in § 111.30 (Rule 30).

(e) Whenever the size of a vessel engaged in diving operations makes it impracticable to exhibit all lights and shapes prescribed by paragraph (d) of this section, the lights and shapes prescribed by § 111.38 shall be exhibited.

(f) Vessels of less than 12 meters in length, except those engaged in diving operations, shall not be required to exhibit the lights or shapes prescribed in this section.

(g) The signals prescribed in this section are not signals of vessels in distress and requiring assistance. Such signals are contained in § 111.37 (Rule 37).

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§ 111.28 [Reserved] (Rule 28).

§ 111.29 Pilot vessels (Rule 29).

(a) A vessel engaged on pilotage duty shall exhibit:

(1) At or near the masthead, two all-round lights in a vertical line, the upper being white and the lower red;

(2) When under way, in addition, sidelights and a sternlight;

(3) When at anchor, in addition to the lights prescribed in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, the light, lights or shape prescribed in § 111.30 (Rule 30) for vessels at anchor.

(b) A pilot vessel when not engaged on pilotage duty shall exhibit the lights or shapes prescribed for a similar vessel of her length.

§ 111.30 Anchored vessels and vessels aground (Rule 30).

(a) A vessel at anchor shall exhibit where it can best be seen:

(1) In the fore part, an all-round white light or one ball;

(2) At or near the stern and at a lower level than the light prescribed in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, an all-round white light.

(b) A vessel of less than 50 meters in length may exhibit an all-round white light where it can best be seen instead of the lights prescribed in paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) A vessel at anchor may, and a vessel of 100 meters and more in length shall, also use the available working or equivalent lights to illuminate her decks.

(d) A vessel aground shall exhibit the lights prescribed in paragraph (a) or (b) of this section and in addition, where they can best be seen:

(1) Two all-round red lights in a vertical line; and

(2) Three balls in a vertical line.

(e) A vessel of less than 7 meters in length, when at anchor, not in or near a narrow channel, fairway or anchorage, or where other vessels normally navigate, shall not be required to exhibit the lights or shape prescribed in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section.

(f) A vessel of less than 20 meters in length, when aground, shall not be required to exhibit the lights or shapes prescribed in paragraphs (d)(1) and (2) of this section.

(g) Vessels not more than 20 meters in length, when at anchor in any special anchorage designated by the Commission for such vessels, shall not be required to carry or exhibit the lights or shape specified in paragraph (a) of this section.

§ 111.31 Seaplanes (Rule 31).

Where it is impracticable for a seaplane to exhibit lights and shapes of the characteristics or in the positions prescribed in the sections of this Subpart she shall exhibit lights and shapes as closely similar in characteristics and position as is possible.

Subpart D—Sound and Light Signals

§ 111.32 Definitions (Rule 32).

(a) The word *whistle* means any sound signaling appliance capable of producing the prescribed blasts and which complies with the specifications in Annex III to the 72 COLREGS.

(b) The term *short blast* means a blast of about one second's duration.

(c) The term *prolonged blast* means a blast of from four to six seconds' duration.